

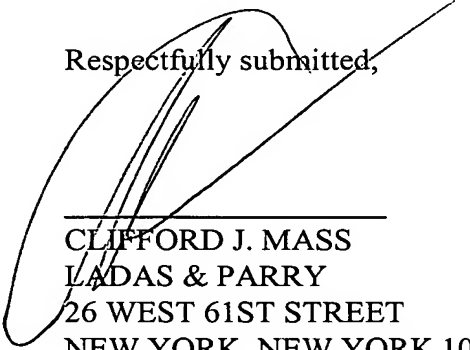
REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of May 14, 2004, wherein the Examiner has required an election between inventions, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the invention of Group I directed to a process for production of ammonia and hydrocarbon. This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prior to an examination of the application on the merits, the claims have been rewritten to place them into better form under US practice. Claims 24 to 36 are directed to the elected invention and draw clear support from the specification as filed at pages 5 and 6, Examples 1 and 2, and original claims 3-7 and 8-16. Claims 37-41 are directed to the non-elected invention and it is respectfully requested that these claims be held in abeyance pending Applicants' decision as to whether or not to file a divisional application directed to these claims.

Applicants have complied with the sole requirement in the aforementioned Official Action and now respectfully request an early examination on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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